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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my dismay at the inadequacy of the current proposed settlement against Microsoft. It provides neither concise so-called "punishments" nor methods of enforcement and control; Microsoft has repeatedly shown itself to be incapable of independently conducting fair and legal business.

This distinct lack of self-control is exemplified by their continued and blatant monopolistic practices even in recent months, such as their intentionally poor encoding of MP3 files in Windows XP, making their included Windows Media Audio the better choice in quality by default, and leaving the average consumer with no choice but to use Microsoft's new "standard."

Microsoft has shown no change in its approach to business since it was found to be a monopoly 6 years ago, and the current Final Settlement allows Microsoft to continue its illegal practices with virtually the same degree of anti-competitive behavior as before. It is a poorly worded document riddled with loopholes and incomplete statements, and it does nothing to truly address the nature of Microsoft.

I do not support this settlement in its current form. I also urge you to read Mr. Dan Kegel's proposed revisions to the settlement at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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